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## Cindy, Dennis

### Keesler recovers quickly from back-to-back storms

Keesler News staff

By Tuesday afternoon, a visitor would've been hard pressed to find any sign of Keesler's run-in with two tropical storm systems in five days.

Base-wide cleanup operations for Tropical Storm Cindy (July 6) and Hurricane Dennis (Sunday) were completed Tuesday.

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severe damage to any facilities during the storms.

"The damages are what you would expect with typical tropical storms or heavy thunderstorm conditions — roof and gutter damage, minor interior flooding due to roofs leaks, and some fences were blown down," said 1st Lt. Michael Fuller, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron.

No storm-related injuries were treated at the medical center, according to 81st Medical Group officials.

Some disruption of training, Keesler's primary mission, was reported by 81st Training Group officials. Up to four days of classes in some courses are being rescheduled.

Cancellations and postponements were minimal. Medical appointments for Saturday and Monday were canceled. To reschedule, call 1-800-700-8603. So were Give Parents a Break and Parents Night Out, two 81st

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Photo by Kemberly Groue

Staff Sgt. Zackery Mleko, 335th Training Squadron, checks in Maj. Earl Blair, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, while Staff Sgts. Nicholas Ford and Lonnie Caballero, 81st Security Forces Squadron, wait in line at Wolfe Hall Sunday to shelter from Hurricane Dennis. More photos, Pages 18-19.

## Use of ID cards pass first sheltering test

By Airman 1st Class Sarah Stegman

Keesler News staff

Storm clouds loomed early Sunday morning while mission-essential personnel, their families and students checked in to shelters for Hurricane Dennis.

About 5,351 people hunkered down in seven shelters for the Category 3 storm.

This was the first year that individual information was available on military identification cards.

"Scanning the cards was very quick, although it takes a good once-over by the operator to update changes with the indi-

vidual," said Master Sgt. Steven McCrum, 335th Training Squadron, Wolfe Hall shelter manager. "Accountability was above 97 percent once checked in."

To pass the hours while sheltered, people played cards, read books, watched movies and slept.

But sheltering wasn't all fun and games. The mission of keeping Keesler personnel and their families safe was apparent everywhere.

"Keesler has certified hurricane shelters that ensure the safety of our personnel," said Col. Doug Hayner, 81st

Training Wing vice commander. "Sheltering at Keesler is not only safe, but it also ensures 100 percent accountability of our people in the aftermath of the storm."

Mission-essential personnel had the option to shelter their pets at Blake Fitness Center for the second hurricane season.

Keesler's Allee Hall also served as a safe haven for 47 students, one instructor, one military training leader and their

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## COMMENTARY

# Free spiritual expression demanded by core values

By Gen. John Jumper

Air Force chief of staff

Our lives changed when we took the oath to defend our nation and put on the uniform of an Airman. But what was that change? Was it merely symbols — uniform, rank and badges?

No, it was a transformation from whoever we were before to someone vested in higher order values, a transformation into a part of something bigger than ourselves.

### Diversity in service

We come from all walks of life, from every part of our nation. We are different people from diverse backgrounds and with our diversity we bring different sets of values. We have different hopes and aspirations, different goals and different beliefs. It is perhaps our nation's greatest strength that, since its founding, we can stand shoulder to shoulder with people of different origins and beliefs for a single purpose — to serve.

As part of our service in the Air Force, we are expected to embrace its core values: integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. These values are a guide that binds us together, even as we fight for the right to be different in so many other ways.

### Core commitment

We use the word "core" because we expect these values to be fundamental to our service, to guide our commitment to our country and our mission, and to serve as a test for the decisions we make in both our personal and professional lives. Our commitment to these core values means they are more than just words posted on a wall or recited by rote. They reside in the front row of our daily lives to help us wrestle with our toughest decisions and to guide us on our path of service as Airmen.

At our Air Force Academy,



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we have experienced issues with expressions of religious beliefs and with perceptions that one set of beliefs is favored over others.

Religion is intensely personal and disagreements can detract from the teamwork necessary for Air Force units. Sharing personal beliefs in a professional setting, one where leaders are performing their duties in a chain of command or in a superior-subordinate relationship, can easily become improper influence about personal matters. Furthermore, it can be resented.

A friend of mine recently expressed it this way: "The core task of every leader in the profession of arms is uniting his or her people into a strong team, with levels of trust and commitment so high the unit keeps working well even under extreme pressure. Everyone in a unit contributes to that task." Anything that detracts from that teamwork ultimately detracts from the mission.

What does this mean about how leaders should approach spiritual strength? Spiritual strength is an integral part of leadership. Our greatest leaders are able to elevate the human spirit and inspire extraordinary performance.

### Spiritual strength

Spiritual strength is what drives us to make sacrifices for others, for our nation, and for the greater good. For some, a commitment to a specific religious faith is a source for that spiritual strength, but not for all. For some, it is their heritage and the experience of a community of people within our human family. For others, it is the way they were touched as individuals by a family member, teacher, or leader's work of faith or charity.

As we stress our core value of service before self, we see spiritual strength as its foundation, whether or not an individual sees himself or herself as religious.

### Chaplains' charter

Faith and religious freedom were fundamental to the founding of this nation. Chaplains have a unique charter: to minister to those who share their specific faith, to facilitate ministry to those of other faiths, and to care for all — including those whose spiritual strength does not come from religious belief. Our chaplains should set the example for mutual respect among different faiths and beliefs.

There will be more specific guidance about expressions of personal religious beliefs emphasizing mutual respect and the wingman culture fundamental to all Airmen. The expression of personal preferences to subordinates, especially in a professional setting or at mandatory events, is inappropriate. More importantly, we should always be guided by our core values. That's what makes us the superb Airmen that we are.

## ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. William Lord

81st Training Wing commander

First, try to work concerns through the proper chain of command. When you've exhausted this recourse, turn to the commander's action line for assistance.

We welcome any suggestions to help make this a valuable and useful tool. You may call the commander's action line at 377-4357 or by writing to Commander's Action Line, 81 TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, or e-mail 81 TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base). For a personal response, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

### Gunless guard

**Comment** — I just came through the Pass Road Gate and the guard didn't have his gun. I asked him why, and he said he was a reservist and had lost qualification, but would be getting it in a week. It's unacceptable to have unarmed guards at the gate.

**Response** — Thank you for your comment. The individual you made contact with at the gate is an individual mobilization augmentee assigned to the 81st Security Forces Squadron who recently started his annual tour and wasn't qualified on a weapon. However, he was posted with an individual who was qualified and armed with the appropriate weapon meeting our requirements. The armed individual provides an overwatch for the unarmed person conducting identification checks at the installation entry control point. You may also see unarmed personnel on the gates that are being trained in security forces duties such as our recent employment of Air Force Academy cadets. Trust us, if you see an unarmed guard at our gates, nearby is a heavily-armed guard watching you.

### Kudos for medics

**Comment** — I recently had minor surgery at Keesler Medical Center. I want to commend everyone involved from general surgery, minor surgery, pre-admissions, anesthesiology, the nurses — I have never had better service in my life. Everyone was concerned, professional and competent. Kudos to them all!

**Response** — Thank you for taking the time to share your positive experiences. We're extremely fortunate to have such a highly capable, caring, professional medical and ancillary staff delivering outstanding, world-class medical care to our beneficiaries. Your "kudos" have been passed on to the medical group commander and the squadron commanders in the chain of command.

### Carpet catastrophe

**Comment** — The drain to my home flooded and the carpet got soaked. Housing said it's my responsibility to take care of the carpet and they won't shampoo it. I called legal and they said for me to get something in writing from housing stating why they wouldn't shampoo it. Housing would not put anything in writing. I've tried talking to them three times and legal has tried talking to them also. They keep saying it's my responsibility, yet the whole house came carpeted, even the bathrooms. Why isn't housing taking care of this?

**Response** — We apologize for the initial response from the Housing Office. Unfortunately, the housing office hadn't sufficiently researched the situation prior to its response. Once the housing office understood what was required, they provided you a copy of the work order to enable you to file the appropriate claim with the base legal office. Thank you for bringing this to our attention. If you have other housing questions, call Michael Reese, 377-0666.

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION

# Keesler teen joins ranks of Air Force Academy cadets

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

A Keesler teen is one of about 1,400 cadets in the Air Force Academy's Class of 2009.

Josiah Gaffney, 18, turned down an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy and a full-tuition ROTC scholarship to the University of Southern Mississippi to pursue his dream of becoming an Air Force pilot.

"No father on the planet could be more proud of his son than I am," said his dad, Warren Gaffney III, an administrative library technician at McBride Library.

Joshua has never studied in a traditional classroom. His mother, Lisa, home-schooled him from kindergarten through high school while the family lived in Belgium. She also teaches her other children — Aaron, 16; Dwight, 15; Esther, 14; Gideon, 11, and Samuel, 10 — at their Ocean Springs home.

Mrs. Gaffney said home-schooling has allowed her to work with her children at their own paces and according to their personal academic strengths and weaknesses.

Mr. Gaffney worked out with Josiah at Blake Fitness Center to help him prepare for the academy's physical assessment evaluation.

Science and mathematics are Josiah's favorite subjects. He maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average and scored 1,440 on the SAT. He plays piano, keyboards and guitar and enjoys track and basketball.

As a member of Keesler's Civil Air Patrol squadron, Josiah honed his interest in flying. Someday he hopes to pilot the F/A-22 Raptor fighter.

"I wanted to challenge myself, and I know I'll develop as a person and as a leader as a cadet," he said of his decision to attend the academy. "I'm sure it will lead to success in my military career."

June 30 was in-processing day for the new cadets, which



Josiah Gaffney

included medical processing, haircuts, clothing and equipment issue and squadron and dormitory assignments.

The next day, Josiah began cadet basic training.

"It's 37 days of physical training, weapons training, field training and preparations for the academic challenges ahead," he explained.

Josiah and his parents believe that home-schooling has given him some specific advantages that will benefit him as a cadet.

"I'm task-oriented and used to studying on my own," he pointed out.

"Josiah's greatest strengths are personal integrity and self-discipline," said Mrs. Gaffney. "He sticks with something no matter how tough, rough or difficult the going gets. He has long-range vision and keeps the vision before him until he achieves his goals."

As Josiah's teacher, the only time his mom had difficulty motivating him to study was when he was 15-16 years old.

"He wasn't sure what he wanted to do in the future yet, so he wasn't sure where he should focus his studies or attention," Mrs. Gaffney said. "I tried to encourage him to take college preparatory classes anyway, but he decided to work instead."

"Warren and I never forced him to stick with the schooling at that point — we felt that he needed the time to find out more about himself," she explained.

Josiah took about seven months off from his studies and worked in food services.

"I think the job in itself was a great learning experience for Josiah," Mrs. Gaffney remarked. "After that, he buckled down to his studies. After the fact, he wished he'd have prepared himself better for college, because he had to do a lot of cramming of some difficult subjects in his last year and a half."

"Josiah has developed into a critical, analytical thinker with good reasoning skills," his dad observed. "He's able to articulate what he believes and why he believes it in any area, and he's not afraid to ask questions."

"Along with his strong moral character and sense of integrity, he'll make a successful cadet and a good leader of men and women," he added.

Mr. Gaffney spent 15 years in the Army, with the last six in Belgium as a noncommissioned officer. When he left the military in 1993, he and his wife, both licensed ministers, remained in Belgium for 11 years as directors of the SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe) Christian Servicemen's Center, part of the Church of God's ministry to the military.

"Our ministry gave Josiah opportunities for leadership as a worship team member and peer group leader at youth camp," Mr. Gaffney recalled.

The family's pride in Josiah's accomplishments was summed up by Warren Gaffney Jr. during a recent visit.

"Many of the men in our family served in the military as NCOs, but as far as I know, Josiah, you're the first Gaffney to become an officer," his grandfather remarked. "This is an extreme honor, and I'm extraordinarily proud of you."

## Bullish new commander



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Michael Deatherage, left, a weather instructor in the 335th Training Squadron, and Airman 1st Class Zachary Geeze, one of his students, demonstrate how a hurricane looks on radar to Lt. Col. Elia Sanjume, the Bulls' new commander. Colonel Sanjume assumed command June 30 from Lt. Col. Thomas Lyga. Colonel Sanjume formerly served as executive officer for the director of weather for the Directorate of Operations and Training, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations at Air Force headquarters at the Pentagon. Colonel Lyga, the Bulls' leader for two years, is now the deputy commander of the 97th Mission Support Group, Altus Air Force Base, Okla.



## TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

### Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group's drill down competitions alternate with non-prior service student parades behind the Levittow Training Support Facility.

Parades are 7 p.m. July 28 and Nov. 17. The September parade hasn't been scheduled.

Drill downs are 7 a.m. Aug. 12 and Oct. 7. The annual championship is 8 a.m. Dec. 2.

For information on student parades, call Tech. Sgt. Charles Veillon, 377-2789. For information on drill downs, call Staff Sgt. Deanna Attaway, 377-2103.

### Education open house

An education open house is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 16 in Room 130, Sablich Center.

Refreshments and door prizes are offered.

The event is hosted by the education office, in conjunction with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, William Carey College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and the University of Southern Mississippi.

For more information, call 377-2323.

### Civilian tuition aid

Civilian employees are eligible for college tuition assistance for Air Force mission- or job-related courses taken through a regionally or nationally accredited college or university.

Required forms are available at the education office, Room 224, Sablich Center.

For more information, call 377-2323.

### ACSC, AWC seminar

Air Command and Staff College or Air War College study groups offer interaction and accountability for the courses.

Seminars can begin anytime during the year and are open to eligible military and civilian personnel.

For more information, call 377-2323 or e-mail 81mss.education@keesler.af.mil.

### Manpower openings

Senior airmen and staff sergeants with a mathematical background and in balanced or overage career fields with four to 15 years of service are prime candidates for retrain-

### Grant winner



**Zachary Smith, 18, has been awarded a \$1,500 college tuition grant from the Air Force Aid Society General Henry H. Arnold Educational Grant Program. He's an honor graduate from Biloxi High School and plans to pursue a double major in electronics technology and telecommunications technology at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. His parents are Master Sgt. Troy and Wendy Smith, 338th Training Squadron.**

ing into the manpower and organization career field.

For eligibility information, call the military personnel flight employment office, 377-9639. If eligible, call Master Sgt. Shawn Cosgrove, 377-7376.

### ACSC options

Air Command and Staff College can be completed by correspondence or seminar.

Majors or major-selects of all service components and civilians General Schedule-11 and above are eligible.

For more information, call or e-mail Edward Hodge, 377-7159, eddie.hodge@keesler.af.mil.

### WIA grants

Military spouses and veterans are eligible for dislocated worker training grants under the Workforce Investment Act.

Categories that fall under the WIA definition of dislo-

cated worker are honorably discharged veterans (given priority over non-veterans), military spouses who make a permanent change of station with a military member, spouses of military members who are honorably discharged and surviving spouses of veterans and military members.

For more information, call 377-2179.

### Troops to Teachers

For general information on Troops to Teachers, visit <http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/ttt/index2.htm>.

For information on Mississippi Troops to Teachers, call Chris Carey, 1-800-MISS-TEACH.

### Virtual education

The Air Force Virtual Education Center has been transferred to the Air Force Portal.

To access AFVEC, use the AFVEC URL, <https://afvec.langley.af.mil>, or go directly to the Air Force Portal, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod>. Use your Air Force Portal user identification and password to log on. First-time users are prompted to re-register some of their profile information and then are taken directly into their AFVEC profile.

For more information, call Joyce James, 377-7056.

### Work study

Part-time employment is available to Chapters 30 and 31 Veterans Affairs people enrolled in college or vocational programs at least 75 percent status.

For more information or applications, call Robin Manson, 377-5149, or visit Room 224, Sablich Center.

### Academic counseling

For appointments for counseling during area college registration, call 377-2323 or 2171.

### Instructor openings

For information on Keesler NCO Academy instructor openings, call Senior Master Sgt. Robin Lee, 377-3405.

### USM online

For online courses through the University of Southern Mississippi, go to <http://www.usm.edu> or call 377-2309.

## NEWS AND FEATURES

# Vacation for Keesler couples turns into lifesaving mission

By Senior Airman Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

What a trip!

Four Keesler members were thrown into two rescue situations on back-to-back days.

They first rescued a person from whitewater rapids June 18, then pulled a woman out of a burning car the following day.

Staff Sgt. Kristina Smith and her husband, Thomas, and Airman 1st Class Ashlee Campbell and her husband, Justin, were in Tennessee whitewater rafting for the first time. Sergeant Smith is assigned to the 332nd Training Squadron, and Airman Campbell to the 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

"It was our seventh wedding anniversary, and the trip was a gift," Mr. Smith said.

"We all like adventure, and we wanted to do something exciting," said Sergeant Smith. "Since we're friends with the Campbells and they wanted to take a trip right around the same time, we all decided to go together."

After finishing the toughest part of the trip, the boat guide spotted someone in the river.

"It's a little rubber boat and you have to sit on the edge with a paddle," Mr. Smith said. "The only thing holding you in is your legs. Most of the rest of your weight is on the edge of the boat. If you hit a rough piece of water, it's easy to lose your balance and fall out of the boat."

"Right after going through the rapids, we had to paddle up-current in a paddleboat to get the guy," Sergeant Smith said.

Mr. Smith said they were simply following the guide's lead.

"We didn't have to do CPR or anything," Airman Campbell said. "He was conscious when we pulled him into the boat and was glad someone stopped to pull him in."

"He had some cuts and his legs were kind of banged up," said Mr. Campbell. "He was in shock mostly. Other boats passed by us, but they couldn't stop because of the rapids."

"Our guide was very impressed," Mr. Smith said. "He explained that we had paddled across rapids, which is difficult."

The next day on their way back to Biloxi, they witnessed an accident on I-285 near Atlanta.

"We saw the car hit a wall and then flip," Mr. Campbell said. "On the other side of the lane, there was a lady inside a vehicle. We pulled out in front, and Justin and I went to two different cars. I went to the window and asked if the lady was OK. The person didn't speak or understand English and was obviously in a state of panic."

"People didn't stop on the highway," Sergeant Smith said. "In fact, some of them honked their horns and wanted us to get out of the way."



Sergeant Smith



Mr. Smith



Airman Campbell



Mr. Campbell

"Another person came to us and said the car was on fire," Mr. Campbell said. "I didn't see it from where I was, but I realized that we had to get her out of the car."

"The lady was big, and I knew I couldn't pull her out by myself, so I turned to another gentleman and said we have to get this woman across the road," he continued. "He just looked at me, so Justin popped up and helped me get this woman, who we found out had a broken leg, across the highway. I grabbed her good leg and we carried her across the road."

"There was no time to be worried," said Airman Campbell. "We were thinking how we could help the people involved at the time."

"My first reaction was to call 911," said Sergeant Smith. "The operator asked me what mile marker we were at and I wasn't sure, so I had to call back and tell them the exit we were near."

"We did what most people would have done," Airman Campbell said. "There were instances in both situations where people didn't stop and just went by, but I think in part that had to do with seeing us there."

"I think that if people come to an accident and see other people there, they think the situation is under control," Sergeant Smith said. "It's a natural reaction to help others."

## IN THE NEWS

### Sexual assault victim advocates

Active-duty military members or Department of Defense civilians are still being recruited to serve as victim advocates for Keesler's sexual assault response office.

Training and a one-year commitment are necessary for the voluntary added duty. The on-call positions require commander's approval.

Volunteers are being screened this week and interviewed next week. Training is scheduled for the first week of August.

For more information, call 377-7278.

### Don't call it Tallil anymore

Air Force Print News

SOUTHWEST ASIA — What's in a name? In the case of Ali Base, years of history.

Ali Base is the main airfield in southern Iraq from which Iraqi, coalition and U.S. Airmen operate. Until January, coalition forces called the base Tallil. Now, all use the legacy name: Ali Base.

Sometime in the early 1990s, Ali Base was incorrectly labeled "Tallil" on Department of Defense maps.

Deploying Airmen headed to Ali Base can expect some confusion concerning the name change. No money is being spent to correct institutional discrepancies between the two names, having erred in calling it Tallil for so long. Some institutional discrepancies such as e-mail global address lists, administrative codes, phone books and directories have already been corrected at Ali Base, but may be slow to change throughout the rest of the Air Force.

### Vietnam-era MIA buried

Air Force Print News

June 29, the Defense Department announced the remains of an Airman, missing in action from the Vietnam War, have been identified.

Lt. Col. Darel Leetun was buried with full military honors Friday at Arlington National Cemetery.

For more information on DOD's mission to account for missing Americans, visit <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo>.

### Values and vision adviser named

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — A new adviser position has been created to help ensure the Air Force's core values are integrated into all aspects of the service's operating concepts, policies and vision.

June 27, Rabbi Arnold Resnicoff, former national director of the interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee, began work as special assistant to the secretary of the Air Force and chief of staff for values and vision.

### AAFES pulls pseudoephedrine

AAFES Corporate Communications

DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has removed products containing the solid form of pseudoephedrine from all store shelves.

These items include Advil Flu and Sinus, Aleve Cold and Sinus, Claritin D and Tylenol Allergy Sinus. They're replaced with products containing phenylephrine for sinus congestion.

# Changes in fitness test criteria include BMI

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials are making a few changes to the physical fitness test used to assess the fitness of Airmen.

In January 2004, the Air Force underwent a major change in the way it looked at fitness. As part of the Fit to Fight program, the service adopted a more stringent physical fitness assessment that measures aerobic fitness, physical strength/endurance and body composition.

Now, 18 months into the program, senior leaders are ready to tweak the assessment to make it even better, said Lt. Gen. (Dr.) George Peach Taylor Jr., Air Force surgeon general.

"We have gotten together a group of scientists and done surveys asking folks if they like the assessment and are there issues with it," Dr. Taylor said. "This last year we brought an update to Corona and are now in the middle of updating a few changes to the Air Force instruction that defines the fitness evaluation."

Updates to AFI 10-248 will include

a change in how body composition is measured, a new table for the running portion of the test that takes into account the runner's elevation, and a change in the number of days an Airman must wait before retesting after having scored in the marginal category.

## Body mass index

Under the original fitness evaluation, body composition scores were based on abdominal circumference only. The updated AFI will now direct that body composition also be measured using body mass index.

BMI is calculated by dividing weight in pounds by height in inches squared, and multiplying the result by 703. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, those with a BMI between 18.5 and 24.9 are considered to be normal. Those with a BMI of 25 or above are considered overweight.

Under the updated AFI, Airmen with a BMI of less than 25 earn the full 30 points for body composition. For Airmen who score a BMI 25 and above, Dr. Taylor said the results of the

waist measurement would be used to calculate their test score.

"That will still be an important measure of their health," he said. "Waist measure is closely related to increased risk for metabolic syndrome, diabetes, hypertension and heart disease. Fat distribution is the critical indicator, as opposed to weight."

For those who score marginal, between 70 and 74.9 points, the Air Force plans to correct the time to retest at 90 days; currently, retest for marginal category is 180 days. This is consistent with the retest time for poor scores, those less than 70.

## Altitude adjustments

Changes to the AFI also include adjustment for those at high-altitude installations. This applies to those at installations with an elevation of 5,000 feet or greater, Dr. Taylor said.

"We'll use the formula for altitude calculations recommended by the National Collegiate Athletic Association," he said.

The Air Force continues to look at ways to improve the fitness evaluation and remains committed to the Fit to

Fight program, Dr. Taylor said, because the program has proven successful.

## Participation is key

"Participation at fitness centers is up 30 percent now," he said. "And if you go to the field, like in Iraq or Afghanistan, you will find a continued focus on health."

The assessment is not the focus of the fitness program, but a tool to assess the commander's fitness training program.

"I want to make very clear that my focus is not on passing a fitness test once a year," said Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, in his Oct. 17, 2003, Chief's Sight Picture. "More important, we are changing the culture of the Air Force. This is about our preparedness to deploy and fight. It's about warriors. It is about instilling an expectation that makes fitness a daily standard — an essential part of your service."

Dr. Taylor said he hopes the changes to the AFI are made by late August or early September.

## Shelter,

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By Airman 1st Class Sarah Stegman

Keesler News staff

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## Storm stats

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**Dennis** — Maximum sustained winds: 30 mph; wind gusts: 46 mph; rainfall: .43 inches.

Give Parents a Break and Parents Night Out, two 81st Services Division programs. The next scheduled date for both is Aug. 13.

Chapel services for Sunday were canceled.

The Airmen Leadership School graduation scheduled

## PERSONNEL NOTES

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### EQUAL list now available

**Air Force Personnel Center**

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for Airmen returning from overseas and continental United States mandatory movers from November through January 2006 is now available.

Airmen must work through their military personnel flights or their commander's support staff to update their preferences by July 28.

Deployed Airmen must work with their personnel representatives to update assignment preferences. Airmen are notified of their selection by mid-August.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements by specialty and rank. Airmen should review, prioritize and update their assignment preferences based on the EQUAL list.

Airmen can view the lists by logging into the restricted Assignment Management System online at <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm> or visiting their local military personnel flight.

### Campaign medal authorization

**Air Force Personnel Center**

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force officials have authorized Airmen to wear the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the Iraqi Campaign Medal.

The Department of Defense campaign medals apply to active-duty Airmen, reservists and guardsmen deployed on or after Oct. 24, 2001, for Operation Enduring Freedom and March 19, 2003, for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Airmen must have been assigned, attached or mobilized to units operating in Afghanistan or Iraq for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days to be eligible.

Airmen aren't entitled to more than one campaign and/or expeditionary medal for the same action, achievement or period of service.

There are also no devices for either campaign medals or the Global War on Terrorism-Expeditionary Medal.

Air Force Personnel Center officials are doing a mass system update in August to convert GWOT-E medals to campaign medals for Airmen who are eligible. Airmen who don't want the GWOT-E medal converted should notify their commander's support staff or military personnel flight.

For more information, contact the military personnel flight.

### Mailing care packages

**American Forces Press Service**

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service and Military Postal Service Agency process mail for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. A letter takes seven to 14 days and a package 14-24 days.

For more information, call 1-800-275-8777 or visit <http://www.usps.com>.

### Civilian career information

Air Force civilians can access the virtual Civilian Career Brief through the AFPC secure Web site, <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afpcsecure/default.asp>.

Once on the AFPC secure Web site, select "Civ Career Brief" from the button menu.

New vCCB users need to establish an account.

## New law ends TSP open seasons

**Air Force Personnel Center**

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Restrictions have ended which limited civilian and military members to two annual open seasons to sign up for, stop, resume or change their Thrift Savings Plan contributions.

Public Law 108-469 went into effect July 1, eliminating restrictions on contribution elections that have always been tied to TSP open seasons.

The elimination of open seasons affects civilian and military members who are eligible to contribute to TSP in the following ways:

Gives people more flexibility in managing TSP contribution amounts depending on personal situations.

Civilians can now make 26 or 27 TSP contribution elections per year (based on pay periods) and service members 24 per year.

Contribution elections submitted on or after July 1 are effective at the beginning of the pay period following the one in which the election is submitted.

"What hasn't changed is the contribution limits set for 2005," said Janet Thomas of Air Force Personnel Center's civilian benefits and entitlement service team here.



Employees may continue to contribute to TSP based on the system they're currently under for 2005 — Civil Service Retirement System, 10 percent; Federal Employees' Retirement System, 15 percent; or the military pay system, 10 percent.

The law eliminating open seasons doesn't eliminate the waiting period that newly-hired or rehired FERS employees not previously eligible must serve before they can begin to receive agency contributions.

Participants who make an in-service financial hardship withdrawal may not make TSP contribution elections for a six-month period following the withdrawal.

Air Force-serviced civilian

employees must make TSP contribution elections via the Benefits and Entitlements Service Team automated phone system or the Employee Benefits Information System.

Instructions on how to access the BEST automated Web and phone system is available online at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/automated.htm>.

Information on TSP enrollment is available online at [http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift\\_savings\\_plan.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift_savings_plan.htm).

Civilian TSP information is at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST/menu.htm>.

Other TSP information is available at <http://www.tsp.gov>.





Photo by Steve Pivnick

Maj. Jerry Fortuna, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, chats with Brig. Gen. (Dr.) James Dougherty, new commander of the 81st Medical Group, after the June 28 change-of-command ceremony at the Keesler Club. The general, who pinned on his new rank July 7, assumed command from Brig. Gen. (Dr.) David Young III, who led the 81st MDG for three years. General Dougherty came to Keesler from Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, where he was Air Education and Training Command's command surgeon and director of medical services and training. General Young is now commander of the 59th Medical Wing and Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB, Texas.

## New leaders take charge



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Archie Baum, left, John Michaelis and Senior Master Sgt. Andrew Simmonds brief Maj. Ray Mottley during a tour of the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron's heavy repair vertical shop July 5. Major Mottley, who became the squadron's new commander July 1, previously served as an environmental program manager in the environmental division at the Pentagon. Lt. Col. David Yang, who led the squadron for more than two years, is now stationed at Air Education and Training Command headquarters, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

## Civilian instructor retires after 45 years of service

By Senior Airman  
Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

After nearly 45 years of combined civilian and military service, Wayne Rupard, 336th Training Squadron, retired June 30.

Mr. Rupard was an instructor supervisor in the information management apprentice and craftsman courses.

Mr. Rupard's military career began while he was still in high school.

He entered military service in on Dec. 13, 1955 when he enlisted in the Naval Reserves.

"I was only 16, but I wanted to join the military, so my parents signed a consent letter and I joined the Naval Reserves," he said. "I went to all of the meetings I was supposed to and went out on a Destroyer DE-749, but as I was riding, I decided the sea was not my forte, so when I got back, I went with a couple of other people who also wanted to get out straight to the local Air Force recruiter."

Mr. Rupard said the few people asked if it would be a problem to switch services.

"I didn't want to join the Army or the Marines," he said. "The Air Force recruiter said no problem; the paperwork went in to release me from the Navy. That afternoon, I was on a bus to Lackland."

After eight weeks of training, Airman Rupard arrived at Keesler for the first time, as a student in August 1957.

"I went to school for eight weeks and was assigned to the 3380th," he said. "We weren't allowed to wear civilian clothes and class was Monday-Friday from 6 a.m. to noon. After lunch, we would do physical training or drill from 1:30-4 p.m. On Saturdays, we would have squadron detail from 7 a.m. to noon. The rest of the weekend was ours ... until 9 p.m. Sunday."

His military assignments included Clark Air Base, Philippines, 1957-1961; 1963-1965 and 1968-1973; March Air Force Base, Calif., from 1961-1963; Patrick AFB, Fla., from 1966-1968; Shaw AFB,



Rupard

S.C., 1973-74; Udorn AB, Thailand, from 1974-1975, and Keesler 1975-1979, where he retired as a master sergeant.

Two years after his military career ended, he was back at Keesler as a civilian, working as a clerk typist for the summer of 1981 in Garrard Hall.

He then became an instructor for the Morse systems apprentice course.

In 1990, he was transferred to the personnel apprentice course. The following year, he moved to the radio operations apprentice course. Later, he became a training specialist and remained through 2003 when he took his present position.

He says of all the assignments he had, the Philippines were the best.

"I met my wife, Matea, during my first assignment at Clark," Mr. Rupard said. "She has been a part of my life for the last 45 years; almost as much time as when I was with the military."

Mr. Rupard remembers his early days as a student here.

He has some plans for his retirement.

"There are some projects around the house that I can work on," he said. "I will be working on the deck, doing some painting, maybe some fishing ... otherwise, I'll be relaxing."

# Back To School

## Students return to class in August

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Students living in Keesler's military family housing areas attend Biloxi public schools.

For Biloxi schools, parents who didn't pre-register students in May can enroll students at their assigned schools, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 25-26.

For questions about school zones, call 374-1810, extension 126. For students entering Biloxi schools from a home-schooled or unaccredited educational setting, call 374-1810, extension 125, for pre-registration instructions.

School starts Aug. 4, but students who don't register by July 29 can't begin classes until Aug. 8. Late registration packets may be picked up Aug. 1-4 and returned Aug. 5 for processing.

Keesler's liaison to the Biloxi schools is Maj. Douglas Mullins, 81st Mission Support Squadron commander, 377-3116. Until the major returns from deployment, parents may contact Col. Bruce Bush, 81st Mission Support Group commander, 377-2510.

Students in newly-annexed areas of Biloxi (north of I-10 and just south of I-10 in some areas) are part of the Harrison County School District, but may attend Biloxi schools on a tuition basis.

The Biloxi public schools Web site is <http://www.biloxischools.net>. If you click on "student registration," then click on "KAFB Families," newcomers will find helpful links to city, state, Keesler and other military Web sites.

Registration times and dates, school start dates, phone numbers and Web addresses for other Mississippi Gulf Coast public school districts:

**Gulfport** — elementary school registration, 8 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. July 21-22; for school zone assignments, call 865-4613. Middle school registration, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday through Aug. 2. High school registration, 8:30-11:30 and 1:230 p.m. July 25-27. Classes begin Aug. 4. For more information, call 865-4600 or visit <http://www.gulfportschools.k12.ms.us>.

**D'Iberville and other Harrison County schools** — registration 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays until school starts Aug. 4; 539-6500 or <http://www.harrison.k12.ms.us>.

**Jackson County** — registration 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. July 20-22; school starts Aug. 4; 826-1757; <http://www.jcsd.k12.ms.us>.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Angie Norris shops for a book bag for preschool with her 4-year-old son, Mason, at the base exchange. Her husband is Staff Sgt. Marc Norris, 338th Training Squadron.

**Long Beach** — registration 8 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. until school starts Aug. 5; 864-1146; <http://www.lbsd.k12.ms.us>.

**Ocean Springs** — registration 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. until school starts Aug. 4; 539-6500; <http://www.ossd.k12.ms.us>.

Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1. First-grade students must be 6 years old on or before Sept. 1.

### Registration documents

A Mississippi Certificate of Immunization Compliance Form from the Keesler Medical Center immunization clinic, the health department or a private physician; shot records aren't acceptable.

Certified birth certificate.

Social Security number of student.

Report card or other grade placement record.

Two verifications of residency, such as a copy of housing assignment or home lease, utility bills, driver's license with present address, voter registration card with precinct identification, automobile registration, filed homestead exemption application and mortgage documents or property deed.

Course transcript for high school students.

Copy of most recent divorce decree verifying custodial parent.

Letter of guardianship signed by a judge for legal guardians.

However, Biloxi schools are simplifying this requirement to allow people to register children if they have a power of attorney granting them the authority to do so, explained Capt. Daniel Vaillant, base legal office.

"Previously, the school district required the party registering the child to be the legal guardian of the child if they weren't the parent," Captain Vaillant said. "It will now be much easier to register children because grandparents, sisters, etc., of those Airmen being deployed can get a simple power of attorney to take care of it."

Conditions:

The recipient of the power of attorney must be a Biloxi resident.

The child must reside in Biloxi with the recipient of the power of attorney.

For specific requirements for different school districts, refer to the respective Web site.

# Preschool signup under way

By Earlene Smith

81st Services Division

Keesler's part-day preschool program begins Aug. 8.

Parents may enroll their children ages 3-5 in the program by stopping by the child development center no later than July 28 and completing an Air Force Form 2606. Children are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Classes are 8:30-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-3:30 p.m. Mondays through working Fridays. They're suspended on federal holidays and during Christmas breaks observed by area schools.

"Our program uses creative curriculum and provides learning experiences that are balanced between active and quiet, indoors and outdoors, child-initiated and teacher-directed, individual and group-oriented, spontaneous and planned," said program leader Barbara Shields. "The staff

pays particular attention to each child's age, developmental stage, attention span, interests, and physical and emotional needs."

The part-day preschool program offers children an opportunity to let their imagination and creativity run wild while playing with blocks, puzzles, table toys, creative art, pretend play, sharing experiences with food or experimenting in the discovery and science area.

Little ones have fun as they learn with sand and water play, tricycle riding, playground equipment, stories and sing-alongs.

Four computers are available with age appropriate programs to assist the children in art, math, language, science, word skills and the development of hand-and-eye coordination.

The program fee depends on family income.

For more information, call the child development center, 377-2211.

# Bus hazards can be curbed

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

School buses signal that it's back-to-school time.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 23 million students ride school buses. The NHTSA reports that during normal school hours, school buses are 87 times safer than passenger cars, light trucks and vans.

But about 30 children die each year in school bus-related accidents. Pedestrian fatalities while loading and unloading school buses account for nearly three out of four deaths. Most were children 5-7 years old.

Motorists who pass stopped school buses account for nearly 25 percent of pedestrian deaths in school bus-related crashes.

Getting on and off the bus are the most dangerous parts of the ride. The danger zone is 10 feet in front, back and on each side of the bus, where children are at greatest risk of not being seen by the bus driver.

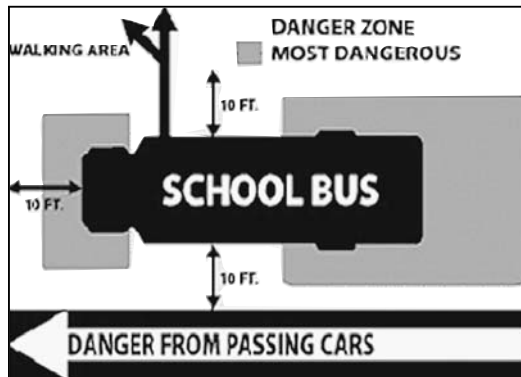
## For children

**Get** to the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is supposed to arrive. Running to catch the bus is dangerous and can lead to injuries.

**Stay** five giant steps from the curb until the bus stops.

**Wait** until the bus stops, the door opens and the driver says it's OK before stepping onto the bus.

**Don't** push or shove.



**If** you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the sidewalk or across the street at least 10 feet ahead of the bus before you cross.

**Be sure** you and the bus driver can see each other before crossing the street. Stop at the edge of the bus and look left-right-left before crossing.

**Never** walk behind the bus.

**Use** handrails to avoid falls.

**Make sure** clothing, book bags and backpacks don't get caught in the handrails or doors.

**Keep** your belongings out of the aisle so people won't trip.

**Stay seated** when the bus is moving.

**ObeY** the bus driver.

**Don't scream** or shout while riding.

**Keep** your arms, head, legs and other items inside the bus.

**If** you drop something near

the bus, tell the bus driver or wait for the bus to pass before picking it up.

## For motorists

**It's illegal** to pass a stopped school bus that's loading or unloading students.

**Wait** until flashers are turned off, the "stop" arm is withdrawn and the bus begins moving again before proceeding.

**Watch** for children when backing out of a driveway, leaving a garage or driving through neighborhoods, especially near school zones.

**Slow down** and watch for children in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks or near bus stops.

**Be alert** and ready to stop. Children who are running late may dart into the street without looking for traffic.

# Pinson finishes 45-year federal service career

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

June 30 marked a milestone for Ethleen Pinson as she closed out a 45-year federal service career.

Mrs. Pinson, administrative assistant for the Air Force Medical Genetics Center at Keesler Medical Center, worked the entire period without a break in service.

She began her career Aug. 26, 1959, in the administrative area for the supply division at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Mrs. Pinson worked there until she followed her husband, Jasper, to Keesler in August 1966.

"I went to work in the administrative area of accounting and finance," she recalled, "and then went to the budget office as the secretary in 1969."

Mrs. Pinson was hired by the genetics center director in April 1984 and has been there ever since. The medical genetics center, with both laboratory and clinic functions, is the only one of its kind in the Department of Defense.

"Col. (Barry) Thompson interviewed and hired me," Mrs. Pinson said. "I had absolutely no experience in the medical field and had second thoughts about taking the job."

"I talked to Colonel Thompson the next day and



Ms. Pinson

told him I really thought he should consider someone else, but he told me he really preferred someone without a medical background.

"You see, genetics is such a unique field — a secretary with a medical background might not fit in as well. He told me not to worry and gave me some books to help with terminology and said he'd help me with spelling if necessary. I still have the books," she explained.

Mrs. Pinson said she began working in the genetics center just three months before Col. (Dr.) David Rigdon, commander of the 81st Medical Operations Squadron Medical Genetics Flight and genetics center director, who also

retired with 30 years of service June 30.

Col. Rigdon surprised Mrs. Pinson during his retirement ceremony by presenting her the Exemplary Civilian Service Award.

The award citation stated, "An expert in records management, she has consistently been cited as the model for the medical center. She recognized the need for additional storage space for laboratory records and went above and beyond by reviewing, cataloging and archiving over 22,000 records and arranging storage at base records management."

"She provided continuity through 12 non-commissioned officers, seven laboratory officers and seven medical geneticists, enabling seamless personnel transitions with no lapses in service. Mrs. Pinson's consistently outstanding performance and unwavering dedication have been essential to the success of the Air Force Medical Genetics Center."

The western North Carolina native plans to take it easy for a while and "kind of do things I want to do. I don't have to make any schedules anymore."

She and Jasper, a retired Air Force master sergeant, reside in Ocean Springs close to their daughter, Bobbie, and 15-year-old grandson, Benjamin.



# 2 storms in one week test Keesler's hurricane preparations



Retired Staff Sgt. Charles Stewart of Biloxi stocks up on canned goods and other hurricane food supplies at the commissary July 7.

Photo by Kimberly Groue



Airman 1st Class Laura Oswald left, and, Airman Basic Toni Keesler. Both are students in the 335th Training Squadron. Base shelters were open for nearly 13 hours Sunday.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Sarah Stegman



Photo by Kimberly Groue

From left, Eves Vincent, Airman 1st Class Trevor Connelly, David Cook and Randall Adams, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, prepare to harden Wolfe Hall for sheltering July 7 as Hurricane Dennis took aim on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.



Photo by Kimberly Groue

Rising tides from Tropical Storm Cindy wash ashore a sailboat from Biloxi's Back Bay south of Ploesti Drive near the runway.



Photo by Kimberly Groue

Staff Sgts. James Boyd, left, and Allan Arguello, 81st Security Forces Squadron, pick up limbs behind the Keesler Club during the July 6 cleanup after Tropical Storm Cindy.



Photo by Kimberly Groue

Cars line up on base Friday to gas up before evacuating from Hurricane Dennis.



From left, Kathryn Sanders, Savanna Stanley and Shannon Sanders, Kathryn's mom, get ready to watch television while sheltering in Wolfe Hall Sunday. Four-year-old Kathryn's dad is Maj. Troy Sanders, 335th TRS. Savanna, 8, is the daughter of Sabrina and Lt. Col. Gregory Stanley, 2nd Air Force.

Photo by Senior Airman Lee Smith



Photo by Airman 1st Class Sarah Stegman

Kermit Hayner was one of 83 dogs and 15 cats sheltered at Blake Fitness Center, Keesler's "pet haven" during Hurricane Dennis. Kermit, a 3-year-old French bulldog, has been through three assignments and four hurricanes with his "parents," Dorene and Col. Douglas Hayner, 81st Training Wing vice commander.

# TRICARE benefits enhanced for certain active-duty survivors

## TRICARE Management Activity

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Citing the debt of gratitude owed to those who've served, a top defense health official recently revised the TRICARE policy for transitional survivors.

The change allows active-duty families who live overseas, and who are on accompanied orders at the time of their sponsor's death, to remain eligible for TRICARE Prime benefits overseas during the three-year transitional survivor period.

"It's fitting that policy be changed to provide the same transitional survivor health-care benefits as those available in the United States to the family members residing overseas who supported their active-duty members and experienced a significant loss," said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.

The new policy extends TRICARE Overseas Program Prime enrollment, including TRICARE Global Remote Overseas and TRICARE Puerto Rico Prime, to command-sponsored beneficiaries already enrolled in those programs.

During the three years following a sponsor's death, surviving spouses and children younger than 21 years old (23 if enrolled full-time in school) remain eligible for many active-duty family benefits as transitional survivors.

At the end of the transitional survivor period, TRICARE eligibility continues for survivors at the retiree family member status and rates.

Transitional survivors who aren't enrolled in TOP Prime continue to have access to overseas military treatment facility appointments on a space-available basis.

Transitional survivors who choose to disenroll and relocate to an overseas site served by a military facility may

Three years following a sponsor's death, surviving spouses and children younger than 21 years old (23 if enrolled full-time in school) remain eligible for many active-duty family benefits as transitional survivors.

enroll in TOP Prime at the new location.

Those transitional survivors without nearby military facilities are eligible for benefits under TRICARE Standard at active-duty family rates.

Transitional survivors who choose to return to the United States may re-enroll in TRICARE Prime in areas where it is offered.

In areas where TRICARE Prime is not offered, they may use TRICARE Extra or Standard at active-duty family rates during the three-year period.

For more information on TRICARE survivor benefits, visit <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/factsheets/viewfactsheet.cfm?id=324>.

## Software used in office available to Airmen for nominal fee

**By Phil Berube**  
**Operations and Sustainment**  
**Systems Group Public Affairs**

MAXWELL Air Force Base, Ala. — For about \$20, most Airmen can get a copy of the software application used on their office desktop for use on their personal home computers.

The benefit, dubbed the Microsoft home use program, is part of Microsoft's commercial software assurance program. It was included in the overall Air Force Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement, which consolidates more than 40 separate license agreements across the Air Force into one.

For the small fee, Airmen, civilian employees and certain contractors assigned to eligible units can get a licensed copy of the same software there're using at work for home use.

"Having the same software at home allows them to become more proficient at their jobs," said Alphonso Bryant, the manager of the Air Force Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement at the Operations and Sustainment Systems Group here.

"And if they become more proficient at their jobs, then they'll be able to accomplish the Air Force mission more efficiently."

Although the benefit

almost sounds too good to be true, Mr. Bryant said only about 6 percent of eligible participants have actually taken advantage of the program.

"Several of the people I've talked to about the program said they weren't even aware it existed," he said. "A few others have said they don't have a home computer."

"The only condition attached with the home use program is personal usage rights are tied to continued employment with the Air Force and ends with termination of employment or expiration of the Air Force's enrollment in software assurance," Mr. Bryant said.

People transferring from one eligible unit to another eligible unit don't need to remove the software, he said.

Another lesser known benefit of the Microsoft agreement is the employee purchase program.

This benefit allows eligible participants to purchase Microsoft licenses and other consumer products at discounted prices. People need to contact their administrator for the program code needed to purchase the products.

To get the software, log on to <https://www.aetc.af.mil/cio/policy.policy.htm>.

## SPORTS AND RECREATION

### Softball playoffs begin Monday

By Senior Airman  
Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

The weather has extended the 2005 intramural softball season, but if all goes well, the postseason will begin Monday.

The season was set to end July 7. However, Tropical Storm Cindy forced games to be cancelled as teams were unable to field enough players as people prepared for the storm.

Those games were scheduled to be played Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, but as of press time, Hurricane Dennis postponed those games as well.

With teams battling for playoff spots, the games are crucial.

It was proven last year that anything can happen in the postseason, as the 335th Training Squadron-A team won the championship coming from the losers' bracket and finished sixth during the regular season.

The American League standings as of Monday see the with three teams tied for first place with a 9-1 record: the 81st Medical Operations Squadron, the 338th Training Squadron and the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron-A team.

The National League leader is the 336th TRS-A team with a 12-1 record. The 81st Surgical Operations Squadron is second at 11-2; the 335th TRS-B is third at 10-2.

The fourth place team is the

81st Mission Support Squadron/81st Training Wing/2nd Air Force team with a record of 8-4 and the 403rd Wing is fifth at 8-3. The 81st Medical Support Squadron is tied for sixth with the 333rd TRS and 81st TRSS at 7-5.

Teams with a .500 or better winning percentage qualify for the postseason tournament.

Three teams from the league — the Naval Technical Training Unit-A team, the firefighters and the 81st Communications Squadron — are either sitting at or just below the .500 mark and must win at least one game to make the playoffs.

The championship game is scheduled for July 26.

### Children learn basics at roundball camp

By Senior Airman Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

Keesler hosted a youth basketball camp at the Blake Fitness Center June 27-30.

According to Christopher Geiger, 333rd Training Squadron and one of the instructors for the basketball camp, the children were taught basic fundamentals of basketball.

"We wanted to give them a good foundation on the proper mechanics of shooting, passing and dribbling," Geiger said. "If young basketball players learn those aspects of the game at a young age, they are more likely to carry it with them when they get older."

Kenneth Dukes, 333rd TRS another instructor from the basketball camp, said that the children were broken up by age.

"I would say that there are about 40-50 children," Dukes said. "They varied in age from 6 to 12 years old."

He also said that he learned something about youngsters.

"If you keep children busy and focused, no matter what age the child is, they will learn," Geiger said. "All of the children were fun to work with ... the easiest ones were the 5, 6, and 7-year olds."

The children seemed to enjoy themselves during the camp, according to Dukes and Geiger.

"The youth center workers mentioned to us afterward that the children were having a lot of fun," Geiger said. "Some of the parents also told us that the children couldn't stop talking about the basketball camp when they got home."



Photo by Kemberly Groue  
Sandra Picard, left, shoots as Kenneth Dukes, 333rd Training Squadron, encourages her, June 27 at Keesler's youth basketball camp. Sandra is the daughter of Paula and Glen Picard, 81st Mission Support Group.

"The children really had a good time during the camp," Dukes said. "We received a lot of positive responses from the parents saying what a good job we did with the children."





Photos by Kemberly Groue

Austin Quinn, left, 11, and Scott Moore, 12, get ready to take off at the skate park. June 7. Austin is the son of Paula and Brian Quin, Kunsan Air Base, Korea, and Scott is the son of Sandra and Michael Moore, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.

## Safe skating more than just helmet, pads

Air Education and Training  
Command safety directorate and  
Keesler News staff

You can hardly drive down the street without seeing couples in-line skating, children flying by on skateboards or friends enjoying a pick-up game of street hockey.

Here are some guidelines for safe participation in these recreational activities:

**Read** manufacturer's guidance for safe equipment use.

**Wear** safety equipment such as helmets and knee and elbow pads.

**Skate** only where it's safe and legal.

**Avoid** steep inclines.

**Dress** to be seen.

**Don't** skate after dark.

**Check** skating surface to be sure it's smooth, clean, dry and free of debris.

**Avoid** busy streets and don't skate in and out from between parked cars.

**Empty** parking lots are best for street hockey, but if a street is used, assign someone to act as a spotter for traffic.

**Keep** skates in good condition. Check wheel and brake bolts before skating.

**If** wheels begin to wobble, stop skating and check for broken axles, loose bolts or



Scott, left, is assisted by Falco Baltys at the skate park June 7. Baltys is a skating instructor contracted through an agency in San Diego.

worn bearings.

**Supervise** young children on skates and skateboards.

**It's** a violation of base regulations to obstruct traffic.

This applies to in-line skaters, skate-boarders, skaters and bicyclists, too.

Keesler residents should be aware that no type of skateboard, roller skates, rollerblades, inline skates or any other type of two wheel vehicles are not allowed on Keesler streets; they are allowed on I-81.



# DIGEST

## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Basic electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Jacob Kowalski, Michael Matticks, Nykeya Andrews, Ricky Hendrix, April Jessie, Grant Lehmann, Sara Nass, Derek Schaff, John Shuster and Adam Snyder; Pvt. William Rosenoff; Airmen Alberto Aguilar, Paul Ayure, Wayne Grimm, Nicholas Hazen, Andrew Potier and Joshua William; Airmen 1st Class Kyle Cossey, Wade Cox and William Kammerer; Senior Airmen Jeremy Armstrong, Rory Buckley, Otis Hurst, David Pitcher and Gregory Smith; Staff Sgts. Brandon Alexander, Shaikhan Al Subhi, Earnest Donnell, Joseph Inman, Crescencio Onofre and Michael Stanton; Tech. Sgts. Charles Hollingsworth and Rodolfo Landa; Warrant Officer Mahmood Al Rahbi; Capt. Tzu Chiang Lin.

#### 334th TRS

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic Daniel Barcus, Brian Bukauskas, Ryan Lester, Emery McClinton, Brian Messier, Nicholas Novak, Gary Pew, Robert Pupilis, Russell Rathbone, Javon Smith Jr., Alicia Szafranski and Bryce Witte; Airmen Donita Session, Derek Stromsodt and Thomas Ward; Airmen 1st Class Joseph Anderson, Vernon Apple, Michael Powell and Joel Richeson; Senior Airman Roland DeMoss; Staff Sgts. Jason Brumbaugh, Joshua Burback and Jason Hancock.

#### 334th TRS

**Personnel apprentice course** — Airman 1st Class Rachel Rivas; Staff Sgt. Charmane Tatum; Tech. Sgt. Tanya Gooden.

#### 336th TRS

**Weather training flight** — Airmen Basic Christopher Bieber, Ashley Hackman, Deborah Johnson, Joshua Paredes, Eric Tidd, Jennifer Tretheway, Christopher Watts and Mandy Wright; Marine Pvts. Matthew Buckley and Adam Keith; Airmen Christopher Guzy, Brad Schick and Alan Stringer; Navy Airman Apprentice Kimberly Thorup; Airmen 1st Class Miranda Gilley and Anne Kitchen; Navy Airmen Chad Geis, Thomas Gemellaro, Logan Handley and Herman Schol; Navy Seaman Christopher Whitewell; Senior Airmen Jeremy Johnson and Eric Villafranca; Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jason Conklin; Staff Sgt. Andrew Narog; Tech. Sgts. William Acevedo, Robert Browder, Joseph Daily, Scott Jennings and Chad Trausch; Master Sgts. Laszlo Balazs and David White.

#### 338th TRS

**Radar systems flight** — Senior Airmen Jason Jones.

## PROMOTIONS

### 2005 Air Force Personnel Center boards

**Through July 21** — lieutenant colonel line, JAG, BASC, MSC, NC.

**July 25-29** — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

**Aug. 2-12** — blocked.

**Aug. 15-26** — command screening.

**Sept. 12-23** — colonel line, JAG, BASC, MSC, NC.

**Sept. 26-30** — special selection.

**Oct. 4-6** — blocked.

**Oct. 11-21** — chief master sergeant evaluation.

**Oct. 25-27** — Air National Guard colonel, second session.

**Nov. 14-18** — colonel, lieutenant colonel and major MC, DC.

**Dec. 5-16** — major line, CHAP, JAG, BSC, MSC.

## TRICARE

**Beneficiary services** — active duty and dependents enroll at Keesler Medical Center, Room 4B-107, 377-9962. To enroll in TRICARE Prime, retirees and their dependents call 1-800-444-5445 or visit the TRICARE Service Center, 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650.

**Claims services** — 1-800-403-3950.

**"Urgent" after hours primary care manager access** — 1-877-794-4629.

**Health benefits/beneficiary counseling, debt collection**

## CHAPEL SERVICES

### Protestant

#### Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.

Fishbowl student contemporary service.....10 a.m.

Larcher Chapel praise and worship service.....11:15 a.m.

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....11:30 a.m.

#### Sunday religious education

September-May.....10 a.m.

Classes held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For class schedules, call 377-2520 or 4625.

**Prayer service for peace** — noon Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 377-4861.

**Joy night concerts** — 7 p.m. Fridays starting June 17 featuring the inspirational gospel service choir.

### Roman Catholic

#### Sunday Mass

Medical Center Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 8 a.m.

Medical Center Chapel.....8:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel.....10 a.m.

#### Weekday Masses

Medical Center Chapel.....11:15 a.m.

Fishbowl.....Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

#### Sunday religious education

September-May.....8:30 a.m.

Classes held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For class schedules, call 377-4625.

#### Tagalog worship

5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, rosary; 5:45 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help novena; 6 p.m. Mass, Our Lady of Fatima Church, 2090 Pass Road, Biloxi. For more information, call 388-3887.

### Islamic

**Building 2003** — for international students, temporary duty and permanent party; prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jumma congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

### Orthodox

**Holy Trinity Church (Greek Orthodox)** — 255 Beauvoir Road, Biloxi; Divine Liturgy, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call 388-6138.

**St. Mary's Church (Eastern Orthodox)** — 3224 D Ave., Gulfport. For more information, call 864-1568.

### Jewish

**Beth Israel Synagogue** — 1946 Southern Avenue, Biloxi. Services 8 p.m. Fridays; an Oneg Shabbat follows each service. For more information, call 388-5574 or visit cbibiloxi@juno.com.

### Latter-Day Saints

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints** — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. Student family home evenings, 7 p.m. Mondays, Fishbowl. For more information, call 374-5627.

**Biloxi Ward** — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, 14928 Big Ridge Road, North Biloxi. For more information, call 435-9506.

**assistance** — call Carolyn James, 377-6580, or Linda Davis, 377-6001. Ms. James is in Room 4B-106 and Ms. Davis is in Room 4B-105 in Keesler Medical Center.

**Education center for women** — in women's health services at Keesler Medical Center, offers educational tools for women's health issues. TV/VCR, interactive touch screen computer and multimedia computer connected to the Internet are available for personal viewing; videos may be viewed in the clinic or checked out for home use. Walk-ins welcome. For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603. For more information, call 377-6920 or 6921.

**Keesler Medical Center clinic hours** — family practice, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday; pediatric clinic, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday.

**On the Web** — Keesler Medical Center's Web site is

<http://www.keesler.af.mil/81mdg>. For TRICARE information, visit <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>. For Region South information, visit the Humana Military Healthcare Services Web site, <http://www.humana-military.com>.

**TRICARE Service Center** — 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

**Class 05-E** — graduation Monday.

### First Term Airmen Center

**Class 05-14** — cancelled.

**Class 05-15** — July 18-28.

### Keesler NCO Academy

**Class 05-6** — Aug. 1-Sept. 8.

### Chapel

**Book of Romans adult Bible study** — 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For more information, call Chaplain (1st Lt.) Winston Jones, 377-2761.

### Keesler Medical Center

**Shaving clinic** — pseudofolliculitis evaluations 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays.

**Allergy/immunization clinic** — 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays. For more information, call 377-6543.

**International travel clinic** — weekly appointments available; schedule at least three weeks before a planned trip. Travelers should provide a list of destinations when they book an appointment and bring their immunization record to the appointment. For appointment, call Pat Baugh, 377-6166.

### McBride Library

**Reference orientations** — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and July 27.

**Story time** — 10 a.m. Wednesday and July 27, ages 2-6.

**Vacation time** — new travel guides on display; books on compact disc available for checkout.

**Library services** — free Internet use; copies 10 cents a page; copy machines 5 cents a page. Fax, first page \$3, each additional page \$2, local and incoming faxes, 50 cents a page.

**Orientations/volunteer work** — for more information, call 377-2181.

### Arts and crafts center

**Beginners cross stitch** — 6 p.m. Tuesday; \$10.

**One-stroke beginner painting** — 1-3 p.m. July 23; \$40 including most supplies.

**One-stroke project class** — 1-3 p.m. July 24; \$25. Beginner class is prerequisite.

**Rubber-stamped card making** — 6 p.m. July 26; \$10.

**Ceramic painting technique** — ongoing signups; minimum five students. For more information, call 377-2821.

**Beginner framing** — next class begins Aug. 2.

**Advanced matting** — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. July 29; \$15 including supplies. Beginner class is prerequisite.

**Three-dimensional decoupage kits** — 1 p.m. July 23; \$5 plus \$5-\$15 for kit.

**Beginning intarsia woodworking** — 5-7 p.m. July 22; \$15 including supplies and tool use; maximum three students.

**Advanced intarsia woodworking** — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 23; \$20 including supplies and tool use; maximum three students.

**Beginners auto care** — 6 p.m. Wednesday, brake class; \$5; minimum five students.

**Youth summer craft camp** — 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through July 28; \$20 per week.

**End-of-summer-camp jamboree** — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 31; free refreshments and awards.

**Air Force Artist/Craftsman Contest youth division** — ages 17 and younger; two categories; entry deadline Aug. 11. For more information, call 377-2821.

**Multi-craft shop** — enter scrapbook layout contest and be eligible for prize.

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**Woodshop special** — build bird feeder, bird house or squirrel feeder with your child; \$5 including shop use.  
**Auto shop** — air conditioning checks available.

## TRANSITIONS

### Workshops, briefings

**Transition assistance three-day workshop** — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 8-10, Sept. 12-14, Oct. 3-5, Nov. 7-9 and Dec. 5-7, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592 or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

**Retirement and veterans briefing** — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 6, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592.

**Pre-separation counseling** — required by law for individuals leaving the military no less than 90 calendar days before separation or retirement date. Individuals with orders can attend the briefing on Thursdays in Room 130, Sablich Center, excluding the week of the transition assistance program workshop, at 1 p.m. for those separating or 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. Bring a copy of orders to the session.

**PALACE Chase information briefings** — 10 a.m. first and third Tuesday of each month, Room 216, Sablich Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tony Woods, 377-7116.

### Computer use

**Government computers** — commanders may authorize their use for the preparation of personal resumes by people separating or retiring from the service on an "as available" basis as long as use of the equipment for the purpose doesn't adversely affect the mission.

**Transition employment opportunities public folder** — go to e-mail "public folders" and click on "transition employment opportunities" for job opportunities for active duty and family members. For more information, call 377-8592 or 8593.

### Employment assistance

**Employment Network Center** — 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 3:45 a.m. working Fridays, Room 126, Sablich Center. National and local job search information and Internet computer access for active-duty and military family members, free e-mail service, fax service and computers and laser printers to complete resumes and federal job applications. For more information, visit Room 126, Sablich Center, or call 377-8593 or 8592.

**Health care professionals** — needed by the Air Force Reserve. Critical Air Force Specialty Codes available in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida units are 44M3, 44Y3, 46F3, 46P3, 47G3, and 48R3. Some may be eligible for signing bonus or loan repayment. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. George Adams, health professions recruiter, 377-8332, or e-mail george.adams@keesler.af.mil.

### Web sites

**Defense Manpower Data Center** — <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dors> or <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tbb>.

**Air Force Blue to Corporate Gray** — <http://www.blue.togray.com>.

**Air Force Federal Employment Resume and Information** — <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb>.

**Civilian job certification and licensing requirements for military personnel and veterans** — <http://www.dol.gov/dol/vets>.

**Department of Veterans Affairs** — <http://www.vba.va.gov/eff/index.htm>; for members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

**Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair** — <http://www.mesc.state.ms.us/jobfair>.

**New military spouse career center** — <http://www.military.com/spouse>. Extensive job board including jobs from public and private sectors. For more information, call Vince Patton, 703-269-0154, or e-mail at [vince@militaryadvantage.com](mailto:vince@militaryadvantage.com).

**America's Job Bank** — <http://www.ajb.dni.us>.

## CLUBS AND CENTERS

### Keesler Community Center

Youth and adult guitar lessons — half-hour lessons 5 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays; \$55 month. For appointment, call 377-3308.

**Weight Watchers** — 5:45 p.m. Thursdays; weigh-in 5:15 p.m.  
**Coloring contest** — pick up a coloring/activity sheet and submit entry no later than 4 p.m. Saturday.

### Vandenberg Community Center

**Summer dance bash** — 6 p.m. to midnight July 22. Beach music, hula hoop and dance contests, free food. Come dressed in appropriate summer attire.

**Eight-ball pool tournament** — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays.  
**Nine-ball pool tournament** — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays.  
**Karaoke** — 6 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.  
**CyberSport** — Internet gaming available 3-10 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. For information on weekend hours and free lessons, call 377-4519.

**Late night dance and DJ** — 6 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays. \$3. People with birthdays in July show their identification card and get in free third Friday of the month.

### Youth activities center

**Friday teen night** — 6:30-10 p.m., ages 13-18; \$5. Games, activities, movies and special events; register by Wednesday of each week.

**Preteen night** — 5:30-9 p.m. Saturdays, ages 6-12; \$5. Games, activities, movies and special events; register by Wednesday of each week.

**Free home alone course** — 6-7 p.m. July 21, ages 10 and older. Child must be accompanied by parent.

**Junior Smooth Moves relocation workshop** — 6-7 p.m. July 28, ages 6-12. To register, call 377-2179.

**Teen Warrior Week** — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 24-30, ages 13-15. \$25.

**Youth employment skills program** — for high school Air Force dependents; volunteer and earn grant money for college. For more information, call 377-4116.

**Summer youth volunteers** — for information call 377-4116.  
**Before- and after-school care program** — registrations being accepted for children grades K-6.

**Harlem diamond fast-pitch softball exhibit** — 6 p.m. Tuesday. Tickets available at the youth activities center.

**Karate** — 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, ages 6 and older. \$30.

**Gymnastics** — Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 3 and older; \$30 per month. Call for times and age groups.

**Training responsible adolescents in leadership/Keystone Club** — 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17.

### Keesler Club

**Mongolian barbecue** — 5:30-8 p.m. today.

**Heritage dinner** — 5-8 p.m. July 22. Smokehouse chicken or prime rib.

**Lunch buffet** — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays, except holidays. Taco bar Mondays, ribs Tuesday, ethnic Wednesdays, catfish last working day of each week. Daily specials also available.

**Wednesday special** — 4:30 p.m. until they're gone, free wings and things for club members; \$3 nonmembers. Drink specials and progressive pot cash giveaway for members.

### Enlisted Warrior Lounge

**NASCAR race watch parties (all ranks)** — Sunday and July 24. Call for times. Food and drink specials, prize giveaways. Club members register to win a trip for two to a major NASCAR event.

**Hot dogs** — \$1 Mondays through Saturdays.  
**Pinocle (all ranks)** — 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

**Eight- and nine-ball pool tournaments** — 6 p.m. Thursdays.  
**Karaoke night** — 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays.

**Latino night** — July 15. 7-8 p.m. dance lessons; 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. DJ. Drink specials.

**Rhythm and blues night** — 9 p.m. Saturdays.  
**Urban nights** — 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.

**Snack and drink specials** — 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays; progressive pot cash giveaway for members Wednesdays.

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## DINING FACILITIES MENUS

### Today

**Lunch** — baked chicken, pepper steak, pasta primavera, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, mixed vegetables, fried okra, green beans, potato salad, fruit salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

**Dinner** — seafood newburg, bean and corn pie, roast turkey, cornbread, franconia potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, corn on the cob, stewed tomatoes, mustard greens, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork and burritos.

### Friday

**Lunch** — corned beef, pineapple chicken, yankee pot roast, cornbread, potato wedges, simmered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, black-eyed peas, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork and burritos.

**Dinner** — seafood newburg, bean and corn pie, roast turkey, cornbread, franconia potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, corn on the cob, stewed tomatoes, mustard greens, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork and burritos.

### Saturday

**Lunch** — baked fish, Hungarian goulash, barbecue chicken, parsley buttered potatoes, rice, gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, creamed corn, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, country bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili with beans and chicken nuggets.

**Dinner** — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, creole shrimp, baked potatoes, rice, gravy, creamed corn, asparagus, steamed squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, country bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili with beans and chicken nuggets.

### Sunday

**Lunch** — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, loin strip steak, mushroom and onion sauce, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, jellied spring salad, tomato salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

**Dinner** — oven fried fish, spareribs, grilled mustard chicken breast, baked macaroni and cheese, noodles, gravy, peas, baked sweet potatoes, broccoli combo, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

### Monday

**Lunch** — chili macaroni, cornbread, beef canelloni, fried chicken, cottage fries, mashed potatoes, gravy, steamed squash, glazed carrots, peas, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone soup, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

**Dinner** — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork loin, oven-browned potatoes, rice, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans with mushrooms, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, chicken dumpling soup, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

### Tuesday

**Lunch** — country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, garlic toast, harvard beets, mustard greens, okra tomato gumbo, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbeque beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

**Dinner** — teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan, salmon cakes, garlic toast, filipino rice, parsley buttered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, succotash, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbeque beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

### Wednesday

**Lunch** — Chinese five-spice chicken, beef and broccoli stir fry, Cantonese spareribs, vegetable egg rolls, shrimp fried rice, stir fry vegetables, chow mein noodles, fried cabbage, chicken gravy, lemon sesame green beans, Mexican coleslaw, pasta fagioli soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

**Dinner** — baked turkey and noodles, beef ball stroganoff, noodles, mashed potatoes, gravy, calico corn, spinach, lima beans, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

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## TICKETS AND TRAVEL

**Aquarium of the Americas/IMAX New Orleans** — Aug. 14; \$40 adults, \$33 ages 2-12. Sign up by Aug. 10.

**Louisiana swamp/plantation trip** — Aug. 20; \$99 adults, \$75 ages 4-12, including lunch and admission. Sign up by Aug. 16.

**New Orleans Saints football in Superdome** — \$45 per person. Aug. 12, Seattle Seahawks; sign up by Aug. 9. Aug. 26, Baltimore Ravens; sign up by Aug. 23.

## VOLUNTEERS

**Editor's note:** Included are base organizations, events, training orientation and other information for volunteers. For more information on opportunities in the surrounding communities, call Jackie Pope, 377-8590.

**Airmen Against Drunk Driving** — for more information, call Staff Sgt. Shironda Gilchrist, 377-4477.

**American RedCross-Keesler Station** — disaster services volunteers for hurricane season and year-round. Free training provided; all skill levels accepted. For more information, call 896-4511.

**Chapel** — for more information, call 377-2520.

**Civil Air Patrol, Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron** — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Room 210, Hangar 3. For more information, call Lt. Col. Linda Steel-Goodwin, 377-7152 or 436-3353, or CAP 1st Lt. Hank Rogers, commander for seniors, 435-6270.

**Cub Scout Pack 214** — for more information, call Staff Sgt. Christian Carawan, 385-9433, or Tech. Sgt. Mark Tempone, 594-2003.

**Family support center** — for more information, visit the center, Room 112, Sablich Center, or call 377-2209 or 4293. Free child care available.

**Fisher House** — for more information, call Larry Vetter, 377-8264.

**Girl Scouts** — for more information, call Beverly Brooks, 864-7215, or Cindy Callahan, 388-7757.

**High school students** — dependents of active-duty people who want to earn money toward college by volunteering, call Jeri Peterson, 377-3349.

**Honor guard** — for more information, call 377-1986 or 2081.

**International military student office** — for more information, call 377-4228.

**McBride Library** — for more information, call Bill Province or Tonia Day, 377-2181 or 2604.

**Medical center** — for more information, call Emily Shelton, 377-1444.

**Retirees activities office** — for more information, call 377-3871 or 7309.

## KIRT

Keesler Integrated Resource Team members serve the community needs of military personnel and families. Member agencies support mission readiness and provide preventive or intervention services to promote mental and spiritual growth, physical health, and strong military members and their families.

KIRT members are:

**Life skills enhancement center** — 377-6216, comment line 377-6780.

**Family support center** — 377-2179.

**Family advocacy** — 377-7006.

**Family member program** — 377-3077.

**Health and wellness center** — 377-5305.

**403rd Wing** — 377-3277.

**Chapel** — Larcher, 377-4859; Keesler Medical Center, 377-6337; Triangle, 377-2520, and Fishbowl Student Center, 377-2331.

### Classes, seminars

**Investing strategies** — 9-11 a.m. July 26, Room 230A, Sablich Center. To register, call 377-2179.

**Tobacco cessation class** — next class starts Aug. 3.

**Healthy cooking demonstration** — noon today, health and wellness center. For more information, call 377-5305.

## MEETINGS

### Recurring

**African-American Heritage Committee** — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Building 4002 (Supply), Room 109. For more information, call Paulette Powell, 377-2270, or Kurt Higgins, 377-1390.

**Air Force Association, Chapter 332** — 11:30 a.m. second Wednesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call or email Kirt Quist, 326-4775, kirt@financialgroupusa.com, or e-mail Paul Deitke, pdeitke@member.afa.org.

**Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapter 652** — 11 a.m. third Tuesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-9444.

**Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary** — 6 p.m. third Thursday of each month. For location and more information, call Timlie Reis, 396-5872.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** — 8 p.m. Thursdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 396-0823.

**Amateur radio club** — 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, second floor, Hangar 3, next to the Civil Air Patrol. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Brad Godwin, 377-0341 or 875-3223, or Staff Sgt. Tony Tran, 377-1200 or 396-4547.

**American Federation of Government Employees Local 2670** — 11:30-1 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Helene Almond, 377-6850 or 4518.

**Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Committee** — 3 p.m. first Wednesday of each month, Magnolia Room, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. John Dianala, 377-6154, or Larry McKean, 377-3252.

**AWANA** — 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sundays August through May at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets, for preschool through high school students. For more information, call Tasarla Shaw, 377-2520.

**Blacks in Government** — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Building 4002 (Supply), Room 109. For more information, call Flo Clay, 377-8681.

**Boy Scout Troop 253** — 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Building 0007, Thrower Park. For more information, go to <http://www.geocities.com/biloxi253/> or call Louie Fontes, 377-1519 or 392-0646.

**Breast cancer support group** — 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each month, general surgery clinic. For more information, call 377-3454.

**Breastfeeding support group** — for more information, call Jodi Qualters, 872-9190.

**Cancer support group** — 6 p.m. second Tuesday each month, medical procedures clinic lounge. For more information, call 377-6588.

**Chapel ropes** — 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fishbowl Student Center. For more information, call 377-2331.

**Charismatic intercessory prayer service** — 5:15-6 p.m. Wednesdays at former chapel at corner of H and 2nd streets.

**Christian men's fellowship luncheon** — noon Tuesdays, Triangle Chapel. Bring lunch. For more information, call 377-2520.

**Civil Air Patrol, Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron** — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Room 210, Hangar 3. For more information, call Lt. Col. Linda Steel-Goodwin, 377-7152 or 436-3353, or CAP 1st Lt. Hank Rogers, commander for seniors, 435-6270.

**Company grade officers council** — 4 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Capt. Branan Klausman, 377-4045, or Jeffrey Burns, 377-0663, or visit <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/CGOC/index.htm>.

**Cub Scout Pack 214** — for information, call Staff Sgt. Christian Carawan, 385-9433, or Tech. Sgt. Mark Tempone, 594-2003.

**Cub Scout Pack 281** — 6:30 p.m. first, second and fourth Thursday of each month, Triangle Chapel Annex. For more information, call 1st Lt. Garon Shelton, 377-2046; Norma Cusane, 432-3160, or Chad Taylor, 594-0877.

**Dorm council** — 7 a.m. first Wednesday of each month, Live Oak dining facility. For more information, call 377-6158 or 6680.

**Girl Scout Troop 148** — 6 p.m. Mondays, former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For more information, call Kimberly Ramirez, 374-7426.

**Hispanic Heritage Committee** — 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, 388-3426 or 424-7036.

**Hispanic Employment Committee** — 4 p.m. second Wednesday of each month, family child care building, Thrower Park. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, 388-3426 or 424-7036.

**Keesler Officers Spouses Club** — for more information, call

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## SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

### 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6955
:01	:31 338th TRS, Building 6965
:02	:32 Welch Auditorium
:04	:34 Smith Manor
:07	:37 Cody, Dolan and Thomson Hall
:08	:38 Supply
:09	:39 Shoppette
:10	:40 Shaw House
:11	:41 Main exchange
:12	:42 McBride Library
:13	:43 Medical center, Tyer House
:14	:44 Sablich Center
:15	:45 Dental clinic
:16	:46 Allee and Wolfe Halls
:17	:47 Base operations
:18	:48 Hangar 4
:19	:49 Thomson Hall

### 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. off-Fridays, weekends, holidays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6955
:02	:32 Shoppette
:04	:34 White Avenue Gate
:05	:35 Shaw House
:06	:36 Main exchange
:07	:37 Keesler Federal Credit Union
:08	:38 Medical center, Tyer House
:09	:39 Sablich Center
:10	:40 Dental clinic
:13	:43 Marina park
:14	:44 Bay Breeze Golf Course
:15	:45 Pass Road Gate
:17	:47 Welch Auditorium
:18	:48 338th TRS, Building 6965

### Technical training route 5:10-5:30 a.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:10	Shaw House
:12	Muse Manor
As required	Tyer House
:14	TLQ east side 2000 block
:16	TLQ east side of Locker House
:17	332nd TRS
:18	335th TRS
:20	Welch Auditorium
:26	Thomson/Dolan/Cody Halls
:27	McClelland Hall
:28	Allee/Wolfe Halls
:30	Stennis Hall/Weather

### Prior-service students lodged off-base

**Allow four-minute window for times; lobby area pickup.**

**To Keesler via Highway 90:** 5:15 a.m. and 1:25 p.m., Comfort Suites, Comfort Inn and Holiday Inn; 5:18 a.m. and 1:28 p.m., Howard Johnson Express and Best Western Swan; 5:21 a.m. and 1:35 p.m., Ramada Limited; 5:25 a.m., Edgewater Inn; 5:32 a.m. and 1:50 p.m., Biloxi Beachfront and Holiday Inn Express.

**To Keesler from north of base:** 5 a.m. and 1 p.m., Martinique; 5:01 a.m. and 1:04 p.m., South Palm Villas; 5:06-5:10 a.m. and 1:10-1:16 p.m., Ocean Springs Days Inn, Howard Johnson, Holiday Inn and Hampton Inn; 5:11-5:16 a.m. and 1:20-1:31 p.m., Ocean Springs Country Inn and Suites, Ramada Limited, Best Western and Comfort Inn; 5:18-5:22 a.m. and 1:41-1:47 p.m., D'Iberville Wingate Inn, Quality Inn and Travelodge; 5:25-5:35 a.m. and 1:53-1:56 p.m., D'Iberville Howard Johnson and Suburban Lodge.

**Back to off-base lodging:** 3:30, 4:30 and 6:15 p.m., street side of Hewes Hall for Bryan, Jones, Hewes and Garrard halls; 3:33, 4:33 and 6:18 p.m., Thomson Hall stop for Hangar 3, Thomson, Cody and Dolan halls; 3:36, 4:36 and 6:21 p.m., McClelland Hall; 3:38, 4:38 and 6:23 p.m., behind Allee Hall for 7-level building, weather building and Allee, Wolfe and Stennis halls; 3:41, 4:41 and 6:26 p.m., stop between base exchange and McBride Library.

**Duty passengers have priority over "space available" riders. Schedule may be impacted by increased official operations or severe weather. Those who are physically challenged or have excess baggage, call 377-2432 for the base taxi. For more information, call 377-2430.**



Use caution  
when traffic  
is backed up  
for  
identification checks  
at the  
White Avenue Gate —  
don't get trapped  
on the railroad tracks.

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Michelle Harper, 872-5791; Amanda Letonoff, 432-8626, or Patty Stiles, 392-8582.

**Keesler Christian Home Educators Association** — 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of each month, September through May, former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. Open to all military home educators. For more information, call Vicky Walton, 436-6408, or e-mail [chajanding@aol.com](mailto:chajanding@aol.com).

**Keesler Riders Association** — 3:15 p.m. first Tuesday of the month, Keesler Community Center, for motorcyclists. For more information, call Gerald Gardner, 377-2386, or Tech. Sgt. Joanna Ball, 377-2430 or 2432.

**Medical center officers spouses club** — for more information, call Stephanie Ritter, 374-2464, or Belinda Manuel, 432-7734.

**Multiples support group** — For more information, call Sue Burleson, 865-1375.

**Order of Daedalians** — 6:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month, Daedalian Room, Keesler Club.

**Play group** — 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays, youth activities center, infants through 4 years. For more information, call 377-7006.

**Prayer warriors network** — 6 a.m. Mondays, Triangle Chapel.

**Protestant youth group** — 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, 7-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Jeremy Allen, 377-2520.

**Retired Enlisted Association, Magnolia Chapter** — 7 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Magnolia Room, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, 374-5922.

**Rising VI Association** — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of each month, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call

Staff Sgt. Durrell Edwards, 377-2520.

**Toastmasters** — noon Tuesdays, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Capt. Ronnie Michael, 377-7395; or Michael Bayne, 872-9359.

**Top III Association** — 2 p.m. first working Friday of each month, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Damian Orslene, 377-9464; Master Sgt. Stephen Marrotte, 377-2052; Senior Master Sgt. Marnice Anthony, 377-5752; Master Sgt. Rudolfo Frescas, 377-2142; or Master Sgt. Richard Phillips, 377-5249.

**Weight Watchers** — Thursdays, Keesler Community Center. Weigh-in starts at 5:15 p.m., meeting at 5:45. For more information, call Debbie Wilson, 831-8772, or e-mail [debbie\\_weightwatchers@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie_weightwatchers@yahoo.com)

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Movies

**Editor's note:** Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children for regular features, and \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children for matinees. For a recorded message about current features, call 377-6627.

**Thursday shows and 9:30 p.m. Saturday shows are cancelled until further notice due to low attendance.**

**Friday** — 7 p.m., Crash (R).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., Kicking and Screaming (PG); 7 p.m., Cinderella Man (PG-13).

**Sunday** — 2 p.m., Cinderella Man (PG-13).